

**Minutes for Education Meeting**  
**9/11/06**  
**Rm 116, 7:00 pm**

Present: Tina Frazier, Paul Rideout, Polly Goldston, Ron Williamson, and Beth Eberhard  
Absent: Linda Long, Marilyn Swanson, Keisha Uhle, Jim Heffner

Beth opened the meeting with a short meditation on Psalm 96: "Let us sing to the Lord a new song." Education is singing many "new songs" and we need to keep the goal of our singing in mind always.

Tina reported on the Rotation progress. All shepherd spots have been filled as of this meeting except for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. She is still looking for an Art teacher and a Music teacher. Tom Nance is doing Storytelling, Bob Van Pelt is doing Creation Station (Sci.), Maureen Bernard is doing From BC to PC (Computers), and Rick Smith is doing Hollywood Theater (video). The curriculum is here for the first two rotations. Teacher/shepherd training will take place Sept. 17 at 6:00.

Ron reported that all teacher appreciation gifts (\$10 gift certificates to Chick Filet) had been passed out on 9/10. One hundred twenty teachers and youth counselors were recognized in this way (total: \$1200).

Paul reported that the new Young Adult Sunday School class would be starting on Sept. 24. He is still reviewing curriculum and has several couples on his list to contact about this class. He foresees the first couple of weeks being a time to get to know the members and what direction they want to go.

Jim Heffner had a schedule conflict and couldn't make the meeting, but sent a report on the St. John's Academy. He reported a good sign-up for all three classes and listed as his next chores finding rooms for the classes and making sure people knew where to go, designing a feedback form for participants, and deciding whether to continue with a winter series. The group discussed waiting to see how the first series went before deciding on more. Beth wondered if doing classes on "hot" topics such as current events, Islam, etc., might draw people out of their own class, interrupting their study. We discussed the idea of publicizing the goal of the St. John's Academy (encouraging those who don't attend to become involved) as a way of self-selecting participants. We also discussed having meetings at alternate times (Saturday or Sunday evenings) to avoid weakening the existing classes.

Beth reported on the Poverty workshop coming up in January. A mass mailing was done in early September of the sign-up flier for the seminar. About a hundred fliers were mailed to churches, organizations, and individuals in the area. She still needs volunteers to help in the kitchen and the registration table on January 20.

It was decided to try meeting the first Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be on Oct. 2 at 7:00 in rm. 116.

Polly Goldston closed with prayer.